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		DESIGNATED/	LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	U.S. APPLICATION NO. 21 L 39							
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/009000			INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 15, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED July 17, 2002							
		INVENTION LL DIALYZER AND METHOD OF PE	RITONEAL DIALYSIS	DATE January 14, 2005							
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	Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:										
	1. [XX]	X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.									
	2. []] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.									
	3. [XX]	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.									
	4. []	The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).									
	5. [XX]	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [XX] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).									
	6. [XX]	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). (26 pages and 1 sheet of drawings (Figs. 1-2). a. [XX] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).									
	7. [XX]	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(C)(3)) a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [XX] have not been made and will not be made.									
	8. []	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).									
	9. [XX]	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).									
	10. []	0. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).									
	Items 11	Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:									
	11. []	An Information Disclosure	Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.								
	12. [XX]] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is include									
	13. [XX]	() A FIRST preliminary amendment.									
	14. []	14. [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.									
	15. []	15. [] A substitute specification.									
	16. []	. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.									
-	17. []	[] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825									
	18. []	8. [] A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).									
	19. []	19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).									
	20. [XX]	. [XX] Other items or information:									

a. PCT/RO/105 b. PCT/ISA/210 c. PCT/IB/304 d. PCT/IB/308 e. WO 2004/006992 A1 (cover page)

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21.[XX] The fol	lowing fees are submitted:				
Basic N	ational Stage Fee				
Nationa	l Stage Search Fee	:			
Nationa	l Stage Examination Fee		:		
	TOTAL FEE	STAGE =	\$ 1,000.00		
	130.00 for furnishing the o e earliest claimed priority				
	Application Size Fee - If plication size fee due is \$ of.				
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	11 - 20		x \$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	
Indep. claims	2 - 3		x \$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	
Multiple depend	\$ 0.00				
	\$ 1,000.00				
Applicant claim reduced by ½.	\$ 0.00				
	\$ 1,000.00				
Processing fee months from the	\$ 0.00				
	\$ 1,000.00				
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =					
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				charged	\$

a. [XX] Payment in the amount of \$1,040.00 is authorized by credit card (PTO-2038).

b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 111833 in the amount of \$ ____ to cover the above fees.

c. [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>111833</u>.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to review (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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